Wrong Bills by DESU

6290. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI S. N. VEKANIA:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking (DESU) is sending faulty bills to its consumer;

(b) if so, the number of such bill sent during the last one year with reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Keeping in view the large number of electricity bills to be issued by DESU pertaining to about 17 lakh consumers, some cases of faulty billing arise due to human errors, mistakes in taking meter readings or in feeding the date into the computer. The complaints about discrepancies in the electricity bills were 2.82% in March, 1991, which has been reduced to 2.15% in Feb., 1992. The steps taken by DESU to check issue to wroing bills include strengthening of supervision on meter reading, replacement of defective meters, reconciliation of consumers' connection numbers, opening of centralised complaint cell at the computer centre and closer monitoring of billing work. Action is also taken for early rectification of the discrepancies in the bills on receipt of complaints from the consumers.

Missing Cheques of Doordarshan

6291. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi has sent several cheques by Registered Post to various parties for films and other programmes;

(b) if so, whether those Registered letters lettered have been allegedly pillaged in transit and cheques fraudulently encashed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the matter has since been investigated;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof;

(f) whether the involvement of Doordarshan employees have been found;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) by when the actual payees are likely to get their due amounts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) As per complaints received by Doordarshan Kendra Delhi three cheques involving a sum of Rs. 11.85 lakhs have been fraudulently encased by opening fictitious accounts in the banks. These Cheques wore meant for M/s Vikings, Bombay, M/s Rukmini Arts International, Bombay and Sh. A. Yatish Babu of Madras.

(d) and (e). An FIR has been filed with the Delhi Police and the matter has also been taken up with the postal authorities, Parliament Street Post Offices and the Managers of the Nationalised Banks.

(f) to (h). Since the matter is still under investigation further action can be taken only on knowing the full facts.

[*Translation*]

Indo-Nepal Joint Committee on Sapta Kosi Project

6292. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
SHRI R. SURNDER REDDY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-Nepal Joint Committee for experts has been set up to work out the mosalities of investigations and studies regarding the Sapta Kosi multi-purpose project in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in the construction of multipurpose dams in Barah region on the river Kosi, Sheeshapani region on the river Kamla and Nunthar region on the river Bagmati in Bihar; and

(d) the number of meetings held with the Nepal Government in this regard during January, 1990 to February, 1992 and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Joint Committee of Experts has been constituted to finalise the modalities of the Investigations and the method of assessment of benefits.

(c) The First meeting of the Joint Committee of Experts was held in Kathmandu from February 13-14, 1992. No agreements have been reached for the construction of dams.

(d) Five meetings at official and political level have been held. During the last visit of Prime Minister of Nepal to India in December 1991 it has been agreed to carry out joint studies/investigations as are necessary to finalise the parameters of Kosi Multi-purpose dam expeditiously. In case of Kamla and Bagmati it was agreed that Nepal will carry out needed investigations and prepare the feasibility report by 1993.

Newspapers Published from Gujarat

6293. SHRIMATI SHAVNA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registered weekly, monthly and daily newspapers and magazines being published from Gujarat;

(b) whether the newspapers and magazines are following the prescribed rules; and

(c) if not, the action taken in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) As per data compiled upto 31.12.1990 by the Offices of Registrar of Newspaper of India, 58 dailies 253 weeklies and 333 monthlies from Gujarat have been registered.

(b) and (c). The Registrar of Newspa-